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# BWA Meeting To Be Largest At Stockholm Congress Hall

STOCKHOLM — One of the world's largest and most functional exhibit areas will serve as the meeting place for the 13th Baptist World Congress July 8-13 at Stockholm, Sweden.

The building at Alvsjo, about six kilometers (less than five miles) from the center of Stockholm, is St. Erik's Massan. It is part of the St. Erik's Fair Ltd., owned and operated by local authorities and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. The Fair was founded in 1948, and moved to its massive new quarters in 1971.

The Massan already has served as the center for great international meetings. The Nobel Prizes were awarded there in 1972. An international biochemical

congress met there in 1973. The Church of Jesus Christ held its international congress at the Massan in 1974. In addition, a wide range of Scandinavian meetings and exhibits are scheduled annually.

July's Baptist World Congress, with an estimated 10,000 participants from 80 nations, will be the largest meeting yet held at the Massan. However, the Congress will use less than half the 22,000 square meters (about 71,500 square feet) of available space for its main meeting hall.

Think of these figures to picture the size of the main hall. The width is 72 meters (234 feet), and the length is 225 meters (731 feet). An American football field measures 160 feet wide and 300 feet

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## Cooperative Gifts Over Budget For 2nd Month

Total Cooperative Program receipts for February in Mississippi through the office of Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, amounted to \$462,019.

The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist system of a voluntary unified budget for the purpose of supporting missions operations and their related efforts across the nation and around the world.

The February 1975 receipts were \$23,738 more than for the same

period of 1974. The January 1975 receipts were also ahead of the same period of 1974 by \$37,950, making a total of \$61,738 more in Cooperative Program receipts for 1975 than for the first two months in 1974.

Total receipts for 1975 have been \$1,210,458. This is \$110,458 above the budget figure for the two months of \$1.1 million.

Such gifts increases mean that Mississippi Southern Baptists see the need for a continued world-wide Christian witnessing program in spite of a declining economy," Dr. Kelly said.

## 13th World Congress

# New People For New World Is Theme For July 8-13

STOCKHOLM—Baptists will review results of a 5-year World Mission of Reconciliation Through Christ evangelism program, and aim for an era of "New People for a New World Through Christ" at the 13th Baptist World Congress here July 8-13.

The Congress' six day program

will feature fellowship among the expected 10,000 delegates from 80 countries, addresses, and several hours of person-to-person discussion on topics of common concern. V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, USA, Baptist World Alliance president for 1970-75, will

en persons from six countries as main speakers at the Congress. They include Dr. Hargroves, Penrose St. Amant of Switzerland, Mrs. Ayako Hino of Japan, Macumba Ma Mpola of Zaire, Thomas Kilgore of the USA (Los Angeles), C. Ronald Goulding of England, and Erling Oddestad of Sweden.

Evangelist Billy Graham will speak at an open air meeting at Skansen, Stockholm's giant recre-

tional park, in a program planned by Swedish Baptists after the Congress officially closes Sunday noon.

All plenary sessions will be conducted in the English language, with simultaneous translation making it available in five other languages.

The Congress opens Tuesday night July 8 with a roll call of nations and the presidential address by Dr. Hargroves. The daily programs, Wednesday through Saturday, will open at 9 a.m. and close with a 7 to 9 p.m. inspirational service. The afternoons will feature discussion and activity by special interest groups.

Since Stockholm has about 20 hours of daylight in July, Swedish hosts are planning late evening music and testimony sessions in the city's parks and other public areas.

A 1500 voice international choir will participate in the plenary sessions. William J. Reynolds of

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## Baptists Urge Religious Liberty In Russia, India

By W. Barry Garrett  
WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist concern for religious liberty dramatically surfaced here March 5 as Baptist representatives visited the Russian and Indian embassies in the United States capital.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance presented Baptist concerns for religious liberty in Russia and India on behalf of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the Ohio Baptist Convention (American Baptist) and the Baptist General Conference.

On his visit to the Russian embassy, Denny was accompanied by Joseph L. Chapman, executive minister of the Ohio Convention. Warren Magnuson, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, and Donald E. Anderson, editor of The Standard, publication of the Baptist General Conference, joined Denny at the Indian embassy.

At the request of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Denny delivered to the Russian embassy a letter from the committee concerning the imprisonment of Georgi Vins, "dissident" Baptist leader in Russia, and the religious liberty for all people in the U.S.S.R. James E.

Wood Jr. is the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, maintained by nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada.

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## Proclamation 76' Dates Established for Revivals

Dates for "Proclamation '76", which will be a simultaneous revival effort throughout Mississippi, have been established as March 14-28, 1976, in North Mississippi and April 4-18, 1976, in South Mississippi.

The dates were announced by Rev. Roy Collum, director of the Evangelism Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"The revivals will be promoted on an association basis, and each association will choose its date in the framework relating to its location or as near to it as possible," Rev. Collum said.

Generally the dividing line between north and south will be re-

garded as Interstate 20. Those associations straddling the highway will choose whichever dates suit their purposes best, he indicated.

This nationwide emphasis on revivals during 1976 is sponsored by the Home Mission Board and the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. It ties in with the Southern Baptist Convention's bicentennial observance of the nation's birth-

day.

Revivals will be in the local churches on an association-wide basis, Rev. Collum indicated. "Helpful information on organizing on an association-wide basis is available from the Evangelism Department," he said.

Damage resulted also to homes of several Baptists in the area, including that of W. O. Vaught, the pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The Vaught home is still

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a person filling an individual income tax form could claim up to \$500 credit against taxes due, while those filing a joint return could write off up to \$1,000.

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According to a news release from Heinz' office, the bill would allow a "better tax break" for individuals or families contributing to a wide range of religious and charitable groups. Under the plan,

the proposal drew immediate fire from James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here, who termed the action of Rep. H. John Heinz III (R., Pa.) as "most regrettable."

The Heinz proposal, H. R. 3785, is identical to a bill he introduced last summer which languished in the House Committee on Ways and Means and died with the adjournment of the 93rd Congress in December.

Only the title of the Pennsylvania congressman's bill has changed from that of last year. The new proposal is called the Religious and Charitable Donors' Tax Justice Act.

Robertson of Jackson and Phillip Fortenberry of Columbia were Judges' Trophy winners in the 1975 State Keyboard Festivals sponsored by the Church Music Department and held at Mississippi College.

Announcement of the winners was made by Nan Grantham, coordinator for the festivals.

Robertson was the Judges' Trophy winner in the organ division,

and Fortenberry was the Judges' Trophy winner in the piano division. Miss Joy Tate of Jackson also received a superior rating in the organ division.

Fortenberry was the first student to receive the Proficiency Award plaque given by the Church Music Department. This plaque is presented to a student when he has received a superior rating on

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## FMB Area Secretary Passes In Richmond

RICHMOND (BP) — James D. Belote, area secretary for East Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died unexpectedly here March 4 of a heart attack. He was 61.

A private graveside service was set March 6 at Richmond's Westhampton Memorial Park followed by a memorial service at Ford

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## One Layman's View Of His Associational Missionary

Rev. Ervin Brown observed his 13th anniversary on March 1, as director of missions for DeSoto Association. He began this work March 1, 1962, after five years as pastor at Eudora and three years at Nesbit.

J. G. Allen, layman from First Church, Horn Lake, has expressed his own feelings about his associational missionary. He said, "Brother Brown is not only proving himself to be a good Baptist leader in DeSoto County, but is always interested in any project that will promote the cause of Christ. He is a very modest, multi-talented man, like yeast, silently working to get things done. He has a unique way of using his leadership and ingenuity to complete some hard task and then using the expression, 'We did it.'

### Expand Pioneer Area Work Say Student Directors

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — Greater support through resources and personnel of student work in so-called pioneer areas of Southern Baptists were asked for in a statement by the Association of Southern Baptist Student Directors meeting here in mid-February.

The organization of state student directors noted that where there is the greatest number of students in America, Southern Baptist student work is in the minority.

Named president of the organization was Jon Appleton, Alabama campus ministry director. The next meeting of the ASBSD is set for Denver, Colo., Feb. 8-11, 1976.

Wendell J. Foss of California was named President-elect, and Edward E. Storm, Jr. of New Mexico was elected secretary-treasurer.

### Keyboard Winners --

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each of five special keyboard skills. These are accompanying, sight reading, transposition, modulation, and classical selection. This is in addition to the hymn-playing requirements for the most advanced category.

Receiving honorable mention in the piano division were Frances Jones of McComb, Barbara Smith of Greenville, Melanie Pittman of Hattiesburg, and Jamie Lincoln of Charleston. Other superior winners were Deborah Taylor of Moss Point, Donna Raddin of Greenville, Kathy Forbus of Greenville, Dennis Brooks of Baldwyn, Twila Webb and Patti Pierce of Meridian, Dawn Grant of Gulfport, and Elaine Davis of Cleveland.

### FMB Area --

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ies, he was professor of missions, comparative religions and evangelism at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, 1964 to 1967.

While in Hong Kong, he was pastor of two churches for five years, advisory pastor for four others, chairman of the Hong Kong - Macao Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) for two years and a member of the executive committee of the Hong Kong Baptist Association.

Originally, Belote was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for service in China. During World War II he was pastor of Wahiahu Baptist Church, Oahu, Hawaii.

He reached China in 1947, studied language in Canton, and did evangelistic work in Southern China for several years. In 1950 he transferred to Hong Kong, where he did evangelistic work until he joined the seminary faculty as president and professor in 1952.

A native of Washington, D. C., Belote studied at George Washington University there and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was graduated from Wheaton (Ill.) College with the bachelor of arts degree, from Columbia (S.C.) Bible College with the master of theology degree and from New Orleans Seminary with the doctor of theology degree.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Martha Bigham Belote; two sons, James D. Belote, Jr. of Houghton, Mich., and Theodore C. Belote of Richmond; and three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Francis Henry of New Orleans, Mrs. Martha Carolyn Roberts of Louisville, and Miss Linda Anne Belote of Richmond.

"He has that dedicated ability to inspire and motivate churches and individuals in the Lord's work, to coordinate their efforts and to strive for the same goals."

When Mr. Brown was called to the association, there were 16 rather small churches with only five pastors living on the field. Now the association has 28 churches and another to become a full member this fall.

"When Memphis began to spill over into DeSoto County," Mr. Allen recalls, "Mr. Brown and his co-workers had visions of a great church field to be developed. Through their careful planning and creative abilities, missions and new churches were estab-

lished. Usually Mr. Brown would be mission pastor until a pastor could be called. Thus, he helped churches to get well organized and grounded for future growth."

For meeting places for the missions, four mobile chapels were bought, three mobile trailers and one tent. Several of these moved from time to time to begin new work; thus the productivity of the association, to care for spiritual needs of the new people moving into the country was greatly increased.

Mr. Allen continued, "Brother Brown has endeared himself to his people with his dedicated Christian character and empathy toward all in need of Christian

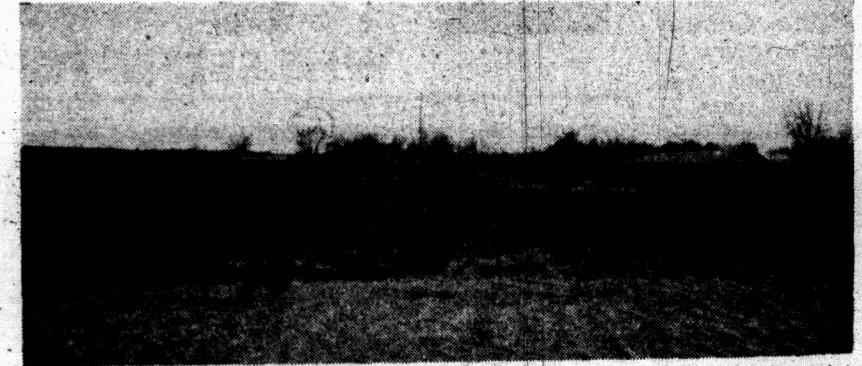
counsel. He is a wonderful 'pinch-hitter' in any capacity where the regular leadership may be absent. Then too, his ability as a successful evangelist and a consistent soul winner must never be overlooked.

"Under his leadership, the association has developed an associational camp, Camp Bluff Springs. Also, a very nice building has been constructed for the mission office. And recently a house has been purchased for use of foreign missionaries on leave.

"I want to emphasize the importance of prayer for Mr. Brown and his wife, who now serves as the office secretary, and who often assists in starting new missions. As we pray for these and all their co-workers, as they seek to face the challenge of this area, we know Desoto Baptist Association can be one of Desoto County's greatest assets."



American Legion Hall where church has been meeting in Wiggins, Colorado.



Lot where new building will be erected for Summit Baptist Church, Wiggins, Colorado.



Four pastors instrumental in the formation of the new Summit Baptist Church are Rev. Wayne Spencer, former Mississippian from Greenwood and presently pastor of the Eads, Colorado Baptist Church; Rev. Bill Austin, area missionary of the Platte Valley Association who preached at the charter service and will serve as interim pastor of the new church; Rev. Harry Kennedy, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Fort Morgan, Colorado, and former mission pastor; and Rev. Larry W. Fields, pastor of First Church, Summit, Mississippi.

## Where The Wind Blows The Cooperative Program Goes

By G. Barry Landrum, Pastor  
First Church, Greenville  
Text: Genesis 8:1

THE WINDS OF MARCH remind us of what an important place the "wind" has in the Scriptures in both literal and figurative terminology. The "four winds" denote limits of distance or direction, the "south wind" helps growth, and it was the "west wind" that blew away the plague of locusts when Pharaoh momentarily recanted after refusing to let the Children of Israel go. God's judgment is sometimes said to be borne on the destroying wind, a scorching wind, a scattering wind, etc. But the first mention in the Bible of the word "wind" is found in the 8th chapter of Genesis.

GOD'S JUDGMENT HAD COME upon a wicked world, the flood destroyed all except Noah and those in the ark with him, and the earth was covered with water 150 days. Then the Bible gives us a beautiful revelation of God's faithfulness toward those who trust Him as it succinctly states, "And God remembered Noah, and made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters (of judgment) asswaged." (Gen. 8:1)

Calvary, 1208 Hardy St. Hattiesburg: March 18-21; Rev. Jerry Mixon, Petal, evangelist; George Maddox, Petal, singer; services 7 p.m.; Rev. Emmitt Boone, pastor.

Bethel (Rankin): March 19-23; youth revival; 7:30 p.m., week nights; Rev. Marcus Alexander, pastor First, Flowood, evangelist; Doug Polk, singer; Rev. Elton Moore, pastor.

### R. G. Lee To Preach Dedication Sermon At Immanuel Church, Columbus, March 16

Dr. R. G. Lee, pictured, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and world-renowned preacher, will preach the dedication sermon during the dedication service of the new educational and recreation building for Immanuel Church, Columbus, on Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m.

Special music will be presented by the Chapel Choir of Immanuel and its music director Charles Farrar. Following the dedication service, there will be an open house in the new building. Refreshments will be served.

This new building will house spacious Sunday School rooms, a suite of rooms for the church's kindergarten, a gymnasium, a kitchen and garage to service the fleet of buses.

Rev. Jerry E. File is pastor.

God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

AS A WIND THAT PASSES OVER THE EARTH, the Cooperative Program is the vehicle used of God to form a fellowship of sharing so that each of us through the grace of giving might have a part in the financial support necessary in order for these agents of our denomination to make known the forgiveness of sins through Christ's finished work on the cross. And God in His faithfulness to His Son, and love for the world, REMEMBERS and for all who believe the waters of judgment are asswaged.

WHAT ARE THESE AGENTS WHICH ARE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM? There are over 5,000 missionaries at home and 81 other countries of the world proclaiming Jesus Christ "The Way, the Truth and the Life." The Good News is carried out over 4,000 radio and television stations per week. Enrollment in our six seminaries is at an all-time high, preparing men and women to move out across the world, sounding out the glad tidings, "Jesus paid it all."

WHY IS IT NECESSARY FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO DO ALL OF THESE THINGS? First, it is obedient to God. It is God's plan. It was God who gave the Great Commission. It is God's Holy Word that says, "Go ye...to all nations." Secondly, God in His goodness chose to use weak and imperfect men to work in an exciting, adventuresome partnership with Him to bring men to a knowledge of the free gift of heaven.

Recently news came from the university in Jerusalem that their research had resulted in a silicone based chemical that can be sprayed over the desert places of Israel so that the top layer of minute particles of soil will become coated and prevent it from forming a crust. This allows all the moisture that falls to soak into the uncrusted ground instead of running off the slopes. At the

same time, the coated top layer acts as a blanket of insulation to prevent evaporation by the arid climate. Thus, another development in making the "desert bloom." But the plus of this process is that weeds cannot infest the soil when their seeds dry and scatter, for only those seeds that are carefully placed underneath the coated top layer will root.

God chose to use individuals to personally plant the seeds of the gospel so that many which would have fallen on "stony ground," or would have been "eaten by the fowls of the air" might be carefully placed below the superficial layer into the good soil where they may take root. And through the Cooperative Program we are there in person — on the field or portraying the Truth in word and picture over the airways.

YES, AND GOD REMEMBERS... He remembered the lost world under the judgment of sin. He remembered the possibility of us usually carrying out His command to go to the "uttermost parts of the world." God remembered, and in May 1925, He inspired Southern Baptists to adopt "one of the great charters of their destiny, the Cooperative Program." For 50 years it has been one of God's most effective vehicles, "a wind that passes over the earth." God made it possible, even easy, for us to respond to His command in obedient faith and love. When we Care and Share through our Cooperative Program that others may go in our stead, we become a part of that wind that spreads over the earth to bring man's greatest eternal good, God's greatest eternal glory, and our greatest eternal rewards and joy. Then our hearts will sing with the Psalmist, "O, Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together" (Ps. 34:3).

Dacey Hodges, team soloist and song leader, will be emceeing the services. Hodges has traveled with the Hogue team full-time for over five years. Dove, a contemporary soft-rock group, will be featured each night. For those who enjoy "foot-tapping" Gospel music, there will be the Mahoney Sisters, (ages 12, 15, 17). Dr. James Mahoney will conduct Bible Study 10-11 a.m., Monday-Friday, at First Church, Pascagoula. Mahoney, author of *Journey Into Fullness*, will teach on the "Victorious Christian Life". The crusade services begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly.



Press Officers

New officers for the Southern Baptist Press Association are: (from front) President C. Eugene Whitlow, editor of the Baptist New Mexican; President-elect Hudson Baggett, editor of the Alabama Baptist; and Secretary R. G. Puckett, editor of the Maryland Baptist. The association, which met recently in Mobile, Ala., is the organization of Southern Baptist state paper editors. (BP) Photo by W. C. Fields

### Close Bond Between Two Congregations

## New Church In Colorado Is Named For First Church, Summit, MS

One of the newest Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention is the Summit Baptist Church of Wiggins, Colorado.

The Summit name was selected by the members of the Wiggins Baptist Mission because of their close association and friendship with the members of First Baptist Church of Summit, Mississippi.

Rev. Larry W. Fields, pastor, and Frank Singleton, chairman of deacons of First Church, Summit, Mississippi flew to Colorado February 11, to participate in the charter service for the new church at Calvary Church, Fort Morgan, Colorado.

The Mississippians presented gifts from their church and from the College and Career Class. Members have made a commitment to pay for the pulpit, pulpit furniture and communion table. The College and Career Class from Summit, Mississippi will give the Communion Service and the collection plates. Summit members will support the building fund beyond the costs of these gifts.

The mission was started in March of 1973 by the Calvary Church of Fort Morgan. Calvary pastor Harry Kennedy also became pastor of the mission.

The people from Summit, Mississippi became involved in this pioneer mission work in 1973 when the College and Career Class of First Church shared two weeks of

their summer vacation in ministry. They were invited to conduct Bible schools and a revival at the mission.

In the following year, 1974, the College and Career Class returned to conduct the Bible School, teach in Bible Studies, provide youth recreation and witness for Christ at the mission. A close bond of Christian love developed between the Colorado and Mississippi Christians. Members to the mission were added by letter and profession of faith during both visits.

The Mission recently applied to be chartered and become a self-supporting Southern Baptist church. They adopted a \$15,000 budget and voted to associate with the Platte Valley Baptist Association, the Colorado Baptist General Convention and the SBC.

They also adopted the name, Summit Baptist Church of Wiggins, Colorado.

Summit, Mississippi First Baptist pastor Larry Fields summed up the feelings of his members by stating, "This gesture on their part demonstrates the closeness and Christian love we have for one another. I guess you could say we have adopted one another."

The new church has elected a Pulpit Committee and are currently seeking their first pastor. They will continue to meet in the American Legion Hall in Wiggins until completion of their new building in the spring.

Rev. Harry Kennedy, pastor of Calvary Church, Fort Morgan, states, "There is no doubt that the hand of our Lord has rested heavily upon this work. We have seen this work start from a Mission VBS in 1973 with the help of a youth group from First Church of Lockney, Texas, continuing for two summers with a dedicated College and Careers Class from First Church of Summit, Mississippi. This devotion has helped tremendously and now that work is the first organized church in Colorado for 1975! Without the leadership of Pastor Larry Fields and the class teacher, Mrs. Wesley Soape, this could not have been so successful.

"It has become my deepest conviction that such commitment by others in our Convention is what it is going to take to do this tremendous work the Lord has called Southern Baptists into. It is also my prayer to see a tremendous response from our churches to become more directly involved as the people at Summit, Mississippi have. It will revolutionize the mission vision of our people!"

"Then, instead of new work struggling to exist with a poor public witness and sacrificing pastors and their families, there will be solid work without the financial burdens of building under the construction costs of today!"



Bob Byrum, center, moderator of the new Summit Baptist Church of Wiggins, Colorado, receives gifts from friends at First Church, Summit, Mississippi. Representing the Mississippi church are Frank Singleton, left, chairman of deacons and Rev. Larry W. Fields, right, pastor.

## Richard Hogue Crusade Mar. 16-21 In Pascagoula

The Richard Hogue Crusade March 16-21 in War Memorial Stadium, Pascagoula, is being sponsored by Jackson County Baptist Association.

A nursery will be provided nightly at Fairview Church.

There will be separate services each night for children in grades 1, 2, and 3, as well as for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Conducted at Calvary Church, Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor. These programs will involve the use of puppets, ventriloquism, and special music.

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50th ANNIVERSARY

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## EDITORIAL

### How A Mighty Agency Grew

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Convention today is one of the largest publishers of church curriculum materials in the world, although when the board was established by Southern Baptists in 1891 there were many who questioned whether it could even survive. Despite this, it has grown stronger with each passing year, and today is one of the great Christian publishing institutions of the nation. How did this come about?

Three factors explain the tremendous growth of this institution. First has been its relationship to a Christian body which has had continuous growth, and is today the largest evangelical denomination in the nation. As the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention the Sunday School Board has grown along with the convention.

A second factor of growth of the board has been its leadership. Strong men have been at the helm of the Sunday School Board from its very beginning. Southern Baptists will ever be grateful to God for Dr. J. M. Frost, out of whose great heart was conceived the plan for the board, and whose dedication and sacrificial, tireless service guided it through its early years. Dr. Frost actually served two terms as Executive Secretary of the Board coming first in 1891 and after eighteen months, resigning to become pastor of First Church, Nashville. Dr. T. P. Bell served as Secretary for three years, with Dr. Frost serving as president of the board, and thus, still having much to do in its leadership. Dr. Frost was called to return as Secretary in 1896 and remained in that position until his death in 1916. Thus he actually led the board from its birth until it had become a great institution.

Dr. Frost was followed as Secretary by Dr. I. J. Van Ness who had been with the board as editorial secretary since 1900. Under his executive leadership from 1917 to 1934 the institution "strengthened its stakes" and expanded its ministry. He was an able leader and saw continued advance, even in times of adversity.

In 1935 the first of the triad of Mississippians who have filled the position of Executive Secretary, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, came to direct its affairs. He led the board to set as

its purpose to "carry from the steps of the Sunday School Board building to the last church all that we have come to know about Sunday School and Training Union methods." How effectively he was able to lead the board in doing that is seen in the tremendous advance Southern Baptists made in the eighteen years of his leadership.

In 1953 the second Mississippian came to the leadership of Southern Baptist's publishing agency. Already the twenty-two "Sullivan Years" have been told. They have been tremendous years, with enlargement, expansion, and development in every area of the board's work.

In 1975, when Dr. Sullivan stepped down, God had still another Mississippian, Dr. Grady Cothen, prepared and ready. Already he is at the helm of the agency, and the prospects for its future ministry look glorious indeed. As we look at all of these men, and also consider the mighty force of other leaders they gathered around them, we see how great a factor leadership has been in the phenomenal growth of the board's work.

Yet there is a third, and perhaps the very foundational factor. It is that the ministry of the Sunday School Board has had a Bible based, Bible centered purpose.

Writing concerning the founding of the board, Dr. P. E. Burroughs in his book "Fifty Fruitful Years" said, "The Baptists of the country had accepted the Bible as the authoritative guide. Baptists had come and grown through a constant reliance upon the Scriptures. Their beliefs and their practices came from the Word of God. They declared constantly that if they held anything which could be shown to be contrary to the Book they would forthwith discard it; that if there were anything which they did not hold which could be found in the Scriptures they would immediately incorporate it into their system. To the Bible they made their constant appeal. Had not the Bible alone brought to their ranks Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson from the Congregationalists, and Richard Fuller from the Episcopalians, and Daniel Marshall from the Presbyterians along with a host of others? Surely there were good reasons why the

Baptist leaders and Baptist people should magnify the school in which the Bible was taught."

Leaders of the board have, from the very beginning, followed that Southern Baptist stand concerning the Bible. They have kept its publication programs and its entire ministry centered about the Bible as the Word of God.

This spirit of belief in and loyalty to the Bible was enunciated by Dr. Sullivan in his first report to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1955. Among other things, he said, "It is with a zealous love for the Bible as God's Word, and a deep belief in humanity's need for the Christian message in the world today, that I pledge my best self in utmost devotion to the tasks which have been assigned me by the Board and the Convention. . . . As the Sunday School Board continues to grow, it is my prayer and determined hope that it will never lose its love or personal touch and that it will never veer from the truth either to the right or to the left. To keep its program properly related and Bible centered is a pledge we now make to Southern Baptists." As we survey the mighty ministry of the board under Dr. Sullivan's leadership we see how faithfully he adhered to that pledge.

And now we hear the voice of the new leader, and he clearly sounds the same message. Speaking at the time of his inauguration, Dr. Cothen said, "The Sunday School Board stands on the Scripture. We have nowhere else to stand, but may I suggest to you that we do not see it our duty to debate about it (the Scriptures) nor to fight about it. We see it our duty to expound it, to expose it, to exegesis it, to teach it, to preach it, to proclaim it. I find no reasons to change in my mind or in my heart that which my parents taught me when yet I was a child: the Holy Bible is the inspired word of God."

Thus we see three factors that have built a mighty institution. A God blessed denomination, God called and God-used leaders, and a ministry and program based upon God's Word. What more is needed to build mightily in the spiritual realm?

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Interim Pastor To Be Needed On Guam

Dear Editor:

I am a Southern Baptist missionary serving on Guam, pastoring an English speaking church. Our plans are to go on furlough January, 1976, for four months. The Foreign Mission Board does not secure us any interim pastor for such a short period of time, due to all the expenses involved. The Mission Board does request that we follow their guide lines in securing a pastor for English speaking work on the mission field.

Therefore, I would like to request that you print our request for an interim pastor on Guam, emphasizing the four month period. Listed below are items of interest that would help a pastor in making such a decision:

1. Couple—no children. (Because of the expense involved in supporting a family.)
2. Round-trip air fare provided.
3. House, car, utilities, gas provided.
4. Retired couple is best because of their retirement income.
5. If no retirement income, salary will consist of food allowance only. On Guam this would be between \$200 and \$300 a month for a couple.

This is primarily a military church, though we do have Koreans, Filipinos, Chinese, and Guamanians, also. When we come to Guam in July, 1973, this Mission Church was having only 40-50 in attendance and now we are over the 200 mark.

Please have all response mailed to:  
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Richmond, Virginia 23230  
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### Expresses Disapproval Of Television Programs

Dear Dr. Odle:

During the last year I have been partially confined in bed. As a consequence I have been seeing more television programs. From watching these programs I have come to realize how many



### WHY SETTLE FOR LESS

pornographic scenes and words all generations see and hear.

There is wide-open liquor and beer advertisement, as though it were the "in-thing to do." Children of young age will stop playing to watch a commercial advertisement even though they are not watching the particular program. We are all well aware of the results of drinking in any form. For example, alcohol harms the brain by destroying brain cells, according to scientific knowledge. It also harms the liver and stomach. The drinker behind the wheel of an automobile driving on any road is a public high-risk driver to other people driving on that same road.

Pornographic literature implants in young minds a flippancy toward marriage and demoralizes the soundness of marriage as instituted by God. It also leads young people into abnormal sexual behavior. Such literature also stimulates drives within the human body that lead to sexual crimes.

After much prayer, concern and consideration I have come to the conclusion that we must take a stand on these issues as given above. Being one little fish in the pond I can not do any more than write my legislators and the broadcasting companies. Therefore, I am writing this letter to you and in doing so I pray that every one of our pastors will encourage the members of their churches each to write the broadcasting companies and their legislators and tell them of their personal objection to what their children are seeing and hearing in pornographic words and actions and the use of alcoholic beverage as the thing to do. (Please do not use mimeographed letters).

I believe that we who are Southern Baptists can band together in this cause and turn the destiny of our nation back to Jesus Christ our Lord and the principles for which he stands.

Faye W. Farmer  
"The Farmer's Wife"

P.S. My husband, Charles R. Farmer, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, Mississippi.

### On The MORAL SCENE...

Alcohol Advertising and Federal Subsidies — Our current tax system allows for business tax deductions for the advertising of liquor. . . . It certainly seems ridiculous . . . that we should allow a sizeable tax incentive to an industry which spends \$247 million annually in portraying alcohol as the stepping stone to the "good life." In a nation where the estimated yearly economic cost is nearly \$25 billion, we need fewer people as a part of this "good life." Public intoxication accounts for one-third of all arrests each year. . . . One-half of all homicides and one-third of all suicides are related to the use of alcohol. . . . Alcohol plays an important part in one-half of all the highway fatalities each year.

By William F. Goodling in Congressional Record p. E 356, February 4, 1975 Costs of the Arms Race — The modern arms race, in which the United States is far and away the front runner, is a curious phenomenon. Over an average lifetime, each of us will have contributed four to five years' livelihood in support of it. . . . According to calculations of the Center for Defense Information, the United States alone has a nuclear arms stockpile equivalent to 615,000 Hiroshimas. The global stockpile represents more than 15 tons of TNT for every man, woman and child on earth. . . . In budgetary terms, the world's outlay for national military forces in dollar equivalents now exceeds \$240 billion. . . . the military budget. . . . consumes more tax revenue than is spent in the world for the education of all children of school age, more than one billion of them. It is twice governments' total annual expenditures for the health care of a world population of almost four billion

. . . The US rates first militarily, but it is fourth among 132 nations in public expenditures per capita for education, fifth in health care. . . . it is 12th in number of teachers relative to its school-age population, 17th in physicians relative to total population, 13th in infant mortality rates. — By Ruth Leger Sivard in The New Republic, Feb. 4 & 11, 1975

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# Revival, VBS In Ghetto Get Thrilling Response

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

**Eighth and Last in a Series**  
The Liberian freighter was lowered 54 feet at Miraflores Locks and began its glide past the Balboa harbor, underneath the Bridge of the Americas, and out into the Pacific. In Panama, the temperature was 91 degrees, hotter than any December 7 I could remember.

With Missionaries Ervin and Ruth Haste, I left the Balboa Canal Zone, crossed Fourth of July Avenue and walked a half block to the Chorrillo Baptist Mission. In this old section of Panama City, near the waterfront, the streets are lined with unpainted two-story wooden buildings, many with balconies, some with shutters, and all with an almost unbelievable number of inhabitants.

"Thousands of children and adults live in this ghetto," Mr. Haste said. "Chorrillo is predominantly black, but there are many Latinos, too."

"There's crime here — dope, alcohol, gambling," Mrs. Haste added. Sellers of lottery tickets stood on every corner. "It's hard

for the children growing up in such an atmosphere to have any sense of moral values." Without asking, I knew that poverty was a real part of that scene, too.

In Panama's change-over from Home Mission Board to Foreign Mission Board, the Hastes of Oklahoma were the first Foreign Board missionaries sent there. They had transferred from Mexico in January, 1974. In the summer, the revival and Bible school they directed in this ghetto had brought a thrilling response.

One step up from the sidewalk we entered the little room rented for the mission. It looked as though it might seat 75. A red curtain decorated one wall. Two shelves held the mission library. "Children here can read, but many adults cannot," Mr. Haste said.

We walked around to a vacant lot behind the mission. "Hi, pastor!" A bright-eyed young black boy came to greet us with a big smile. Mrs. Haste introduced him: "Jorge was one of the boys who accepted Jesus as their Savior during the Bible school."

"Before the VBS in August, we cleaned up this vacant lot — the mission members and myself," Mrs. Haste told me. "We hauled off a large pick-up load of pure filth. This mosaic pavement we're standing on was formerly the floor of a building. We bought a tarp made in Brazil, cut posts and bamboo poles and put the tarp up without help from outside the mission.

"At first we thought we would have two Bible School departments in the building and one under the tarp. When I preached in a revival here in January, I spoke in English, because the people who founded the mission are English-speaking descendants of Jamaicans.

Bridge of the Americas, across the Panama Canal.

cans. Attendance then was around 25, with 10 to 15 in Sunday School.

"On the first day of Bible school, though, 188 children arrived," he continued, "and this building and lot could not hold them all. We took the Intermediates to the First Spanish Baptist Church in cars. The next day 218 came, so both Intermediates and Juniors went to First Spanish in buses. Average attendance for the week was 208, plus 12 workers. At least ten Intermediates made professions of faith.

"If we can buy this lot with Lotie Moon money already set aside for it, we plan to use it for a social service center, including day care for children," Mr. Haste said. "Pastor Vivian Wilson preaches at the mission twice on Sundays, and then three nights a week he directs services here, working with the Intermediates in music, Bible study, handwork, and recreation."

"At night we had revival services under the tarp. We had strung up lights, and used the loudspeaker. Each night we would show a religious film, a couple from Ecuador would present special music, and I would preach. The Bible school was in Spanish and the revival in Spanish and English. Average nightly attendance was 250, and many of those were adults. On the closing night, many parents were present who had never been there before. Several expressed thanks for what their children had learned."

Six students from Panama's Baptist Theological Seminary were VBS workers (the Hastes both teach in the seminary). Also the Hastes' daughter, Lela, was one of the VBS workers. Lela teaches school in Philadelphia, Pa., in an area termed a ghetto. "When she saw Chorrillo," Mr. Haste recalled, "she said, 'Daddy, in comparison to this, we don't have a ghetto!'"

As mission members prepared for the Bible school — having prayer meetings; securing extra chairs from the sponsoring church, First Baptist, Balboa; planning for refreshments; handling publicity — their Sunday school attendance grew to 95 the Sunday before the VBS. Attendance continues at 75 to 100.

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I wanted to know more about



Lela Haste with some of the children in VBS at Chorrillo Mission.

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## Man-Made Wind

By Ruby Buckley

Flying kites is like the life of the Christian. God makes the flying possible when the conditions of our hearts are right. It's through the Wind of His Spirit that blessings come. Not from our rather chaotic running back and forth. It's so beautiful when he does it and so futile when we try without him.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles" (Isaiah 40:31). A Christian can fly on wings of trust and surrender. God lets us fly when we need the view from the top side to help us with our walking. And whether we're flying or walking we know he is in control because of the strong upward pull on the strings.

this pastor, and my questions about him received enthusiastic answers as we drove back to the Hastes' apartment building: "Pastor Wilson is a faithful layman of high caliber. A black man who lives in another community of Panama City, he has been a Christian four years. His job in a department of the Panama government pays him only about \$250 a month. Yet he receives no salary for his work in this mission.

"He visits the people at Chorrillo often. He helps some who have financial problems to find work; he gets medical attention for some who are sick. He took 50 children, young people and adults, to the zoo in the Canal Zone on a day's outing, and plans to take them to the convention's camp for a weekend retreat."

At the Tocumen International Airport I noticed a sign: "Puente del Mundo — Corazón del Universo" (Bridge to the World — Heart of the Universe.) Panama is home to Spanish-speaking Latins, English-speaking West Indians,

primitive Indian tribes, and — in the Canal Zone — to U.S. citizens.

It is home to Catholics, Jews, Hindus, and Buddhists. The most prominent hill in Panama City displays a temple of Bahai. Among all these, the Panama Baptist Convention has 40 churches with 6,000 members.

The Hastes and other missionaries with them now in Panama are making plans for the future. Mr. Haste said, "In particular we want to do more for the Spanish-speaking; the greatest need is to win them and we are seeking ways to meet that priority need."

"After I had visited the mission in Chorrillo and heard of the response from last summer's efforts, I could understand why Dr. Charles Bryan of the Foreign Mission Board had written:

"This provides a good example of what could and should be done to reach the masses for Christ in such areas of cities in Latin America."

## 'Christ... Has Changed My Life,' Julie Nixon Tells NRB Women

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — "In March (1974) I made a decision to invite Christ into my life," Julie Nixon Eisenhower told a group of women at a reception here Jan. 27 sponsored by the National Religious Broadcasters during the organization's 32nd annual convention.

In her brief message to wives and delegates in the Washington Hilton Hotel, Mrs. Eisenhower added that her conversion experience "really changed my life."

She confessed that she was "glad that (her appearance) is this year instead of last January," stating that in 1974 she would have had nothing to say.

"I don't know if any of you have ever felt bitter," she said, "but I was good at that. I was angry at what I thought were unfair attacks on my family. My whole life has really changed. I have found it hard to be a Christian... difficult to trust as I should."

Mrs. Eisenhower, an assistant

managing editor of the Saturday Evening Post, said she is currently doing research on the subject of love for the magazine. She quoted a line from the popular song, "What the world needs now is love sweet love," and added, "I never knew what real love was until I read the Bible. It helps me to understand others better."

The younger daughter of former President and Mrs. Richard Nixon became a Christian believer after she began attending the Congressional Wives' Bible Study group led by Eleanor Page.

Mrs. Eisenhower was presented the one millionth copy of the New American Standard Bible by Mrs. Samuel Sutherland, representing the Lockman Foundation of La Habra, Calif. which produced the edition.

Julie Eisenhower commended the group for the "spreading of the word of the love of Christ" and paraphrased a verse of Scripture without giving the reference, "If we love one another, the darkness disappears."

## He Didn't 'Have A Prayer' But That's What Saved Him

By Bob Mathews

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—Don D. Lowrey, a 24-year-old Sunday School teacher at Cherokee Hills Baptist Church here, believes in answered prayer.

He says he felt its effect during a horrifying 48 hours in which he narrowly escaped death at the hands of three kidnappers, who beat him, shot him and left him for dead.

It sustained him when captors forced his head down into an old abandoned toilet and sent a bullet thudding into the back of his head. Instead of penetrating the skull, the bullet traveled under his scalp on the outside of his skull over the top of his head.

And prayer, and the events surrounding the episode, had a life-changing effect on his brother, Ron.

Lowrey's experience began on a fog shrouded Wednesday morning, Feb. 12, as he sat in his car reading a newspaper and awaiting time to go to work as an apprentice electrician.

A man tapped on his window

and asked if Lowrey could help him change a flat. Lowrey offered the man a ride to his car, but, when he entered the car, he jammed a pistol to Lowrey's head.

Two more men appeared out of the fog and the trio forced the young man into the trunk of his car hitting him in the head as he leaned over.

Although he was missed by his work crew, Lowrey was not heard from again until his blue Buick was found abandoned in north east Oklahoma City by the three gunmen, who used it to flee from the robbery of the Park State Bank in a suburban Nicoma Park. The motor was running and the doors and the trunk lid were open when police found it.

When Lowrey's wife, Becky, an employee of the Council Road Baptist Church Day Care Center, was notified of his disappearance, fellow church members started prayer chains. Much of the Wednesday prayer service at Cherokee Hills Church was devoted to praying for the safety of the

young man. During the two days of waiting and praying, people from around the country called to assure Becky of their prayers.

In the meantime Lowrey's older brother, Ron, arrived and issued appeals on radio and television for the kidnappers.

On Friday afternoon, the Oklahoma County sheriff's office received a call saying, "That man might be found on the north side of Nicoma Park."

Sheriff's deputies rushed to the area and were met by a black man, who said he had spotted someone moving his leg in the window of an abandoned house. It was Lowrey. Prayers of thanksgiving were said throughout the city as radio stations broadcast the good news that he had been found and was alive.

Lowrey remembers being put into a small room and hit in the head before he felt a severe blow — the bullet — on to the back of the head. The small room was an old outdoor toilet, where his captors placed him for his execution.

The trio left thinking he was dead,

not knowing that the bullet failed to penetrate the skull.

He somehow dragged himself to the abandoned house about 40 feet away and lay down on an old couch in the front room near a window.

He is hospitalized awaiting plastic surgery and is under 24 hour police guard since the trio of bank robbers has not been caught, but that's not the end of the story.

Sunday night, his brother Ron, who had served as the family spokesman during the ordeal, was in the services at Cherokee Hills church. During the invitation he made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and asked to be baptized.

Ron explained that two weeks ago he had become concerned about his spiritual condition, although he had been baptized as a youth. He asked God for a sign.

"I've had my sign," Ron Lowrey told the church. "When God brought Don back alive, I knew what I had to do."

## Mississippi College Radio Station Is Now On The Air

Making your dreams come true can sometimes be a long, frustrating job. In the case of the new Mississippi College commercial radio station, the dream took at least 20 years to reach reality. The patient waiting of those involved has resulted in Station WHJT, 93.5 on the FM Dial, now serving the public.

Dr. Hollis Todd, chairman of the Speech and Communicative Arts Department at Mississippi College, had tried to obtain a commercial station for the college for use in training students since he began teaching. Lack of funds and frustration of opportunities plagued him from the start, but he and his wife, Dr. Julia Todd,

professor of speech and communicative arts, continued working.

Seven years ago it was learned through the services of David Nohra, a former student, that a channel was available for this area. Application was made, but it was turned down.

"We didn't know the political ropes," Dr. Todd explained. "We needed consultant engineers and lawyers in Washington to plead our case with the Federal Communications Commission."

Three years later another chance came along. Lawyers and engineers were hired, new surveys were made of Clinton's population and projected growth, and opposition in time was defeated. A construction permit was granted by the FCC, and those in the Communicative Arts Department found their hard work and headaches had really only begun.

Construction of the control and radio rooms on the basement floor of the Aven Fine Arts Building was begun by the college maintenance crew. A 255 foot tower was erected to carry the station's 3000 watts of broadcasting power.

The control board was designed and built by Dr. Todd and assistant professor Bill Lytal, another member of the Speech and Communicative Arts Department. Several former students and friends — Bill Fairley, Ken Standard, Shane Taylor and Nohra — gave their professional services in electronically tuning the equipment. On Dec. 5 program test authorization was given by the

FCC and WHJT began broadcasting from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. seven days a week.

"We have not had an official opening yet," Dr. Todd explained. "We are trying to get organized and work the bugs out of the transmitting equipment. We are almost through, though, and hope to have a big opening soon."

Station WHJT is unique in its operation, being licensed as a commercial and a training station.

"The application for licensing this station was more difficult and longer than my doctoral dissertation," Mrs. Todd said. "Getting a commercial license for a private college is extremely difficult."

"Our first goal," Dr. Todd said,

"is to become a first class radio training facility, giving students instruction in announcing, sales,

engineering, writing copy and production."

"At least 90% of the radio stations in Jackson have had our students working for them," Mrs. Todd explained. "But regular stations can't afford to train students themselves. That is where we come in."

"Our second aim is to make this station innovative in radio programming style," said Dr. Todd. "We want to become a community service organization, not just a music - news - weather station."

As a result, the station is using what is known as the block or segmented format, fitting the style of music to the time of day.

The overall emphasis is on easy listening music, religious music and community service programs.

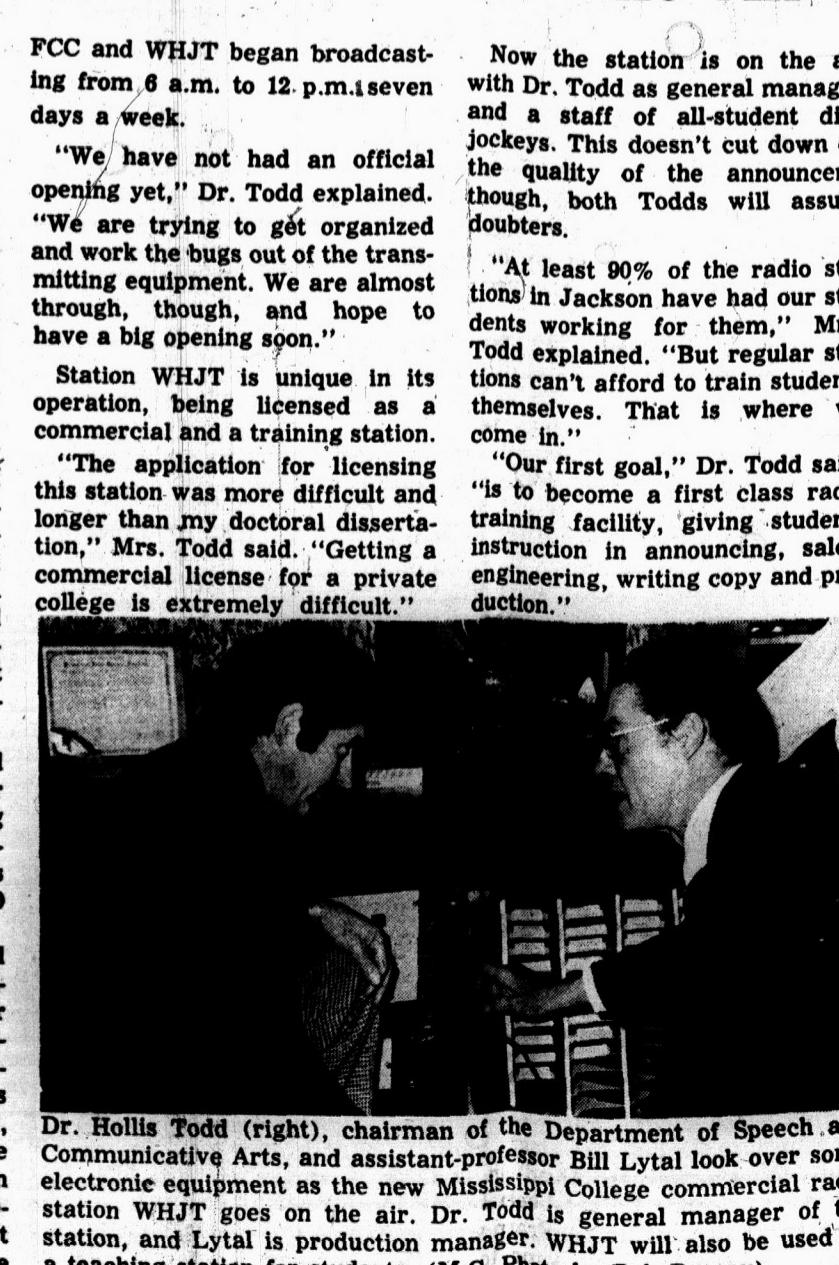
The station reaches farther than just the local Clinton community, though. WHJT is getting unusual coverage, with clear signals being received as far away as Yazoo City, Vicksburg, Port Gibson and Brookhaven.

Sales response has been good, though sales representative Jan Cosset, a graduate assistant in the Department, admits it takes time to build up a good clientele.

In addition to the major work already completed, many more hard hours are still ahead to build the station and keep it going.

The staff and students of the Speech and Communicative Arts Department, including those working on the control board, those selling copy, those selling contracts, those arranging music and those cutting tapes, are all contributing to a dream realized.

Dr. Hollis Todd (right), chairman of the Department of Speech and Communicative Arts, and assistant professor Bill Lytal look over some electronic equipment at the new Mississippi College commercial radio station WHJT goes on the air. Dr. Todd is general manager of the station, and Lytal is production manager. WHJT will also be used as a teaching station for students. (M.C. Photo by Bob Rampy)



Perhaps the tallest structure in Clinton, this slinky tower transmits the signal for WHJT-FM radio which is now operating in the central Mississippi area. (M.C. Photo by Bob Rampy)

# Mississippi's Lottie Moon Offering Gifts Total \$1,271,002.93

Mississippi gifts to Foreign Missions Week of Prayer (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) are listed as received February 28 with 1,447 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$1,271,002.93

ADAMS	46.00	COPIAN	20.00	HADSON	2,184.37	YELLOW LEAF	510.00	RUTH	705.07	FBC JACKSON	3,250.16	STAR-SUNSHINE	1,041.78	OLD UNION	75.00
BETH	46.00	ANTIOCH	20.00	HORRISON HOTS	4,862.00	MANAR	8,194.40	SHADY GRV	363.00	HAZELWOOD	495.18	OLINIAN	12,001	OLINIAN	12,001
BRIEL AVE	250.00	BETHNL	434.35	NORTHMINSTER	944.20	MARSHALL	1,200.00	SOUTHWAY	340.50	HAZELWOOD	495.18	PADEN	212.00	PADEN	212.00
CAL VARY	275.88	COUNTY LINE	410.00	NORTHSIDE	1,200.00	MARTINSVILLE	1,200.00	TOPISAN	320.50	HAZELWOOD	495.18	S. CROSS RD.	50.00	S. CROSS RD.	50.00
CLOVERDALE	254.00	DANAHUS	51,760.00	NORTHWEST HILLS	4,921.00	MARYVILLE	1,000.00	UNION	1,000.00	HAZELWOOD	495.18	JESMOND	1,419.00	JESMOND	1,419.00
CRAMPFIELD	203.57	FBC CRAMPFIELD SPOS	3,928.66	PARK HILL	659.95	MARYVILLE	1,000.00	HAZELWOOD	495.18	WELLMAN	150.00	UNITY	7,621.98	UNITY	7,621.98
FBC NATCHES	4,148.63	GALLIFIE	65.00	PARKHAW	16,174.00	MARYVILLE	1,000.00	WELLMAN	150.00	ONTARIO	2,998.30	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00
IMMANUEL	3,204.00	GALLIAH	1,105.00	POCAMONTAS	1,008.00	MARYVILLE	1,000.00	WELLMAN	150.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00
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ALCORN	120.66	PINE BLUFF	95.00	SALEM	20.50	YOUNG	1,000.00	WELLMAN	150.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00
ANTICHL NO 2	320.00	POPLAR SPGS	58.00	SOUTHERN HILLS	435.00	YOUNG	1,000.00	WELLMAN	150.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00
CAL VARY	324.00	SAPLES	124.22	SOUTHSIDE	1,000.00	YOUNG	1,000.00	WELLMAN	150.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00
CORINTH TATE	2,113.43	SHADY GRV	602.50	TEMPLE	1,000.00	YOUNG	1,000.00	WELLMAN	150.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00	BERKSHIRE	1,000.00
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## Sunday School Lesson: International

# In Him We Have A Relationship

By William J. Fallis

Hebrews 6-10

Because most Christians have more or less grown up in the Christian faith, they do not realize how different it is from the religions of the world. It is the only faith that teaches that God is impartially concerned for all people and wants to have a loving fellowship with each person who obeys him. Buddhism denies a personal God. Islam believes in one God but sees him as primarily concerned with punishing the wicked and rewarding the good. Only Judaism and Christianity believe that God offers a relationship to his people. This is a unique idea that the Creator, the Holy One, is also the Father who wants to have fellowship with his children. This intention is made more vivid for Christians



through the words and works of Jesus, God's Son. In him we do have a relationship.

The Lesson Explained  
God's Laws In Our Minds  
8:8-12

The Old Testament word for relationship was "covenant." That was the theme largely of the lessons for last September; God made a covenant with his people. No other ancient people was aware of God in that way. Their deities and idols had their own concerns; they demanded tribute from the people — and fear. But they were not pictured as being concerned for the people or wanting to have fellowship with them.

It was that first covenant that the writer of Hebrews recalled as he continued to discuss Jesus as the great High Priest. He remembered how Jeremiah described the failure of that covenant, and he quoted four verses from his chapter 31, beginning with the words, "Behold, the days come."

Thus, Jeremiah foretold a new

covenant; he may have been writing just after Jerusalem was captured. The new fellowship would not be keyed to laws gravely on stone, but each person would have his own relationship with God by having the law in his mind and heart. Although Jeremiah said the covenant would be made "with the house of Israel," the writer of Hebrews was convinced that the Christian community was the new Israel, the continuing channel for God's ongoing work. From verse 11 we get the impression that the knowledge of God would not be reserved for the privileged people but would be available to all. His forgiveness of their iniquities would spring from unlimited grace.

**Confident In Grace And Hope 10:19-23**

The new covenant was never intended as a contract; it is a relationship between God and the believer — all believers. The seven verses from chapter 10 show in part how much better this rela-

tionship is than the old covenant. The central figure in the new relationship is Jesus, whose death made it possible for us to enter into the very presence of God with confidence. Here we are reminded of last Sunday's lesson as the writer alludes to the high priest's annual responsibility to go through the curtained doorway into the holy of holies of the Temple to mediate forgiveness for the people. Our High Priest has, by his fleshly life on earth, opened a new and living way through the veil of sin that separated man from God.

Christ's atoning death and victorious resurrection have accomplished God's purpose. Now sincere believers can come near to God because their hearts are clean. "Sprinkled" and "washed" in verse 22 probably refer to the ancient ritual of the Day of Atonement. Here the guilty conscience has been cleansed by faith in Christ.



Clarke Singers "On The Road" Soon

Spring tour for Clarke College Singers, under direction of J. B. (Buddy) McElroy, is to begin March 14, with the group singing for an association-wide youth rally at Greenville. The following day's engagement will be for a youth rally in Memphis, at Carnegie Hills Church. The group will

sing at Grays Creek Church, Hernando, on March 16 in the morning service and at First Church, Jackson, for the Sunday evening service. March 17, they will give a full evening's program at East Heights Tupelo; March 18, at Carrollton Church and March 19, at Briarwood, Jackson.

## Revival Dates

**Good Hope, Purvis:** March 23-26; youth-led revival; Rev. David Moree, pastor, Pine Burt Church, preaching; Harmon Strickland, Jr., member of Good Hope, minister of music; Rev. Eugene Broome, pastor; services at 7 p.m.

**First, Macon:** Old Fashioned Singing School led by Dr. Edwin McNeely, Newton, March 12, 13; revival with Dr. R. G. Lee preaching and Dr. McNeely leading singing, March 13-15; Dr. Lee's messages: Second Coming, Friday evening; Pay Day, Some Day, Saturday evening; Heaven, Sunday morning; Sunday evening unannounced; services 7:30 during week; Rev. Hugh Poole, pastor.

**First, Itta Bena:** March 18-21; Rev. Perry Neal, Montgomery, Alabama, full-time evangelist, preaching; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist from Jackson, in charge of music; services during week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Wilbur B. Webb, pastor.

**Rocky Creek, Lucedale:** March 16-23; Dr. Hyman Appelman, evangelist; B. O. Parker, singer; 7:30 P.M.; Rev. S. A. Adkins, pastor.

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**Easthaven (Lincoln):** homecoming revival, March 23-26; former pastors W. Ed Theile, Herman Merritt, Robert Wall, John Bowden and Marvin Sanders preaching; services on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with dinner on the ground; Services Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Robert M. Hanvey, pastor.

**North Columbia Church, Columbia:** March 30-April 4; Evangelist Jerry Mixon of Petal, preaching, Rev. M. H. Waltmon, pastor.

**Indian Springs, Hattiesburg:** March 28-29; Evangelist Jerry Mixon, Petal, preaching; R. A. Hulleni, minister of music; Rev. B. A. Conway, pastor.

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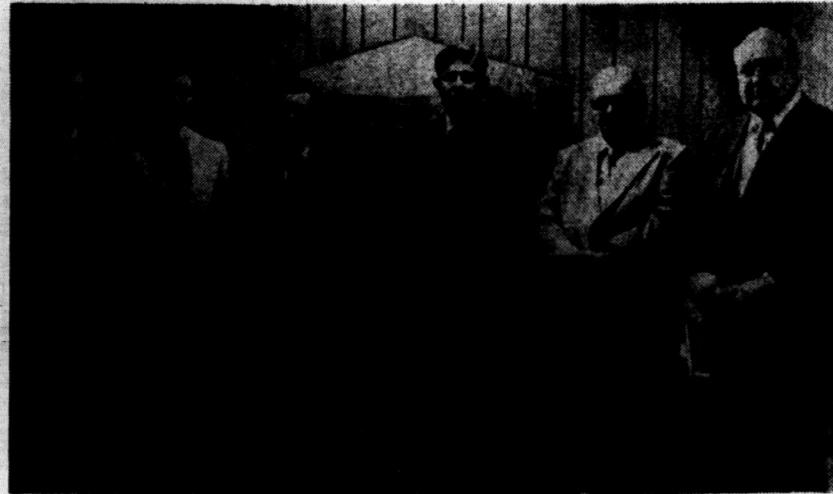
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### Meadow Brook Dedicates Sanctuary

Meadow Brook (DeSoto) recently dedicated their new auditorium. Rev. Arnold Taylor of Longview Heights, Olive Branch (and pastor at Fairhaven when it was mother church to Meadow Brook) brought the afternoon message. Rev. Alvin Kitchen, pastor, read the church history. Mr. Kitchen, Texas native, has been pastor at Meadow Brook six years, beginning with 23 members, and now with 150. This is the second building program he has led in. Above are Building Committee members, l to r: Tommy Taylor, Otho Looney, Clarence Parker, Pastor Kitchen, Harold Bell, and Joe Taylor.



### Good Hope Completes New Sanctuary

Good Hope Church at Coaltown near Purvis dedicated the cornerstone of their new building on February 23. Rev. Eugene Broome, pastor, delivered the dedication message. Present plans are to dedicate the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Pictured are the pastor, deacons and Building Committee.



Oak Grove (Simpson) has burned the note on their new pastorum. Of the \$21,700 cost, only \$8000 was borrowed in August, 1973. Rev. T. D. Mangum was interim pastor during the building; Rev. Jimmy R. Walker is now pastor.

### Devotional

## Have You Caught Anything?

By Frank Pollard, Pastor, First, Jackson

John 21:1-17

The events of the past three years had led, not to a crown but a cross. It was too much for Simon Peter. "I am going fishing," he said, asserting a return to his former occupation. Alas, we never do anything strictly on our own. Others said: "We will go with you," and half the team our Lord had been training for three years turned from His ministry to the fishing business.

Eagerly they launched out for the first night's catch. But it was a weary and disgusted crew which watched the sun peek over the edge of the mountain. A voice from shore asked a terrible question: "Have you caught anything, boys?" Their agonizing reply was answered: "Cast your net on the other side!" The net was full of fish, as soon as they obeyed.

Simon Peter recognized the Lord first and was the first to be on the shore at His side. In the ensuing conversation, he was reclaimed for the great purpose our Lord had in store for him.

Often we miss the best in life when we say: "I go fishing," or "I go" doing this or that. The sad thing is that others will always be there to go with us. We work so long and hard in our search for the real thing. If we listen, there is a voice calling: "Have you caught anything? Have you found it?" We may not answer verbally, but our empty nets are answer enough. Then He says: "Try the other side; you've tried it your way, the world's way. It doesn't work. Try the other side." And when we start doing it His way, we have found it!

### Tommy And Diane Winders Sing

## Tom Lester Rally Held In Tupelo

Tommy Winders Evangelism of Tupelo recently sponsored a two-night rally with Tom Lester, Eb of "Green Acres," as guest. More than 1500 people were on hand and heard the popular television star tell about how Jesus Christ had directed his life to a part in the TV series, GREEN ACRES.

Tom is a native of Laurel and is now devoting a good bit of his time to traveling across America and telling people what Jesus means to him.

He spoke twice on Sunday following the rallies at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo (Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor), the home church of Tommy and Diane Winders.

An outspoken and active witness for Christ, Tom often captivates waitresses, restaurant owners and anyone he comes in contact with by his warm personality and quickness to share "the better life."

Hundreds listened in Tupelo as Tom related how God was working in his life and was willing to do it for others. Both Tom Lester and Tommy Winders spoke

### Revival Results

Lakeview, Leland, Feb. 28-Mar. 2; led by a BSU team from Delta Junior College; Paul Blanchard, preacher; Thad Pritchard, musician; Gene Neal, song leader; Rev. Charles Everitt, pastor; New Jerusalem Railroad Singing Group and the puppet team in charge of evening service March 2; 18 professions of faith; numerous rededications.

## Names In The News

Russ Bush III, formerly of Columbia, MS, has been elected to the permanent faculty of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, as assistant professor of philosophy of religion.

Rev. Bob Barker, Jr., pictured, begins his fifth year in evangelism this spring. In the past four years he has preached 120 revivals in 22 states, using the theme, "Days of Decision." This year an evangelistic musician will accompany him to those churches who want two men for the revival team — Lloyd Young of Gadsden, Alabama, singer and instrumentalist. In addition, he states that an outstanding student who is a ventriloquist, is available for services on weekends. Mr. Barker and Mr. Young state that they go by themselves, or together, as needed, and both have a number of open dates. They can be contacted by writing Bob Barker, Jr., 55 Margaret Avenue, Chickasaw, Alabama 36611.

Donald Moore on February 1 began his duties as minister of music and youth at First Church, Vidalia, La. Prior to that he served in a similar position with Immanuel, Natchez. Married to the former Margie Palmer of Jackson, he has three children. During the past 16 years he has served in several churches in Mississippi and Louisiana as minister of music and youth.

John L. Riffey, 73, emeritus missionary to South Brazil, died at Henderson, N. C. Feb. 13 following a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven P. Hicks, Baptist representatives to Mexico, may be addressed at Apartado Postal 267, Ciudad Satelite, Edo. de Mexico. Mrs. Hicks is the former Minnie Greer of Poplarville, Miss.

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Jimmy C. Bridges, pictured, is now minister of music and youth at Sunrise Church, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg. He has served Vicksburg and Edwards Church, as minister of music. Last summer he was a summer music missionary with the State Music Department. A native of Jackson, he is a senior at University of Southern Mississippi. The pastor of Sunrise is Rev. Robert H. Rogers.

Rev. Larry W. Kennedy, pastor of First Church, Amory, was named Outstanding Young Man of Amory January 31, at the annual Jaycees sponsored Distinguished Service Awards Banquet.

Dr. Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam, will speak at Wahala Church, Kemper County, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Myers is from Boyle. He also will show slides. Rev. Ronnie Bullard is pastor.

Philip N. Duncan of Mantic, Ms., and Ira J. Jones of Gulfport, are honor students at Baptist Bible Institute for the first semester of the 1974-75 session.

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Mr. Beverly will be retiring from the active ministry of this church on December 31, 1975, but he and Mrs. Beverly expect to make their home in this community.

Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, will observe Homecoming, March 18. Rev. Hilton Lane, former pastor, will be guest speaker. David Derrick is music director; Rev. Glen McInnis of Hazlehurst, is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly are shown at the party given them on the 25th anniversary of his pastorate at Woodville Church.

Woodville Honors Beverly's On 25th Anniversary

The Woodville Church recreation room was the scene of an anniversary party on, February 12, honoring Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their going to Woodville.